

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLUMBING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, January 29, 1964

Members present—George Wyllie, William Miles, Lary Kain, John Brady, Grey Turney, Ralph Gunthrope, George Denfield and Inspectors Arnold Dell and Leo Fox—9.

Absent—Chris Baryames—1.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman George Wyllie.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mr. Zopfi and Mr. Brown from the Fernco Joint Sealer Company was introduced to the Board members. The permanent pre-fabricated Bituminous or Polyvinyl joint sealer, adapter, or reducer, a display of materials was presented and the advantages of its use was discussed to the Board members.

Mr. Farwell of the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute was presented to the Board. Mr. Farwell gave a presentation of the cast iron no-hub joint, a new concept in the

joining of cast iron pipe and fittings in drainage, waste, vent and sewer system. No-hub pipe and fittings are not intended to replace conventional hub and spigot pipe and fitting but to supplement the conventional line for use in more compact installation. Information on the pressure test of the Neoprene sleeve and stainless clamp was discussed.

Motion by Mr. Gunthrope, seconded by Mr. Denfield that Mr. Wyllie arrange a joint meeting of the Plumbing and Public Service Boards to discuss the use of the prefabricated bituminous or polyvinyl joint sealer, adapter or reducer.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

GREY TURNERY,  
Secretary.

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# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLUMBING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, July 29, 1964

Members present: George Wyllie, Ralph Gunthrope, William Miles, Larry Kain, George Denfield, John Brady and Grey Turney—7.

Inspectors: Arnold Dell and eLo Fox—3.

Absent: Chris A. Baryames—1.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P. M. by Chairman George Wyllie.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

A discussion regarding the advantages of the permanent prefabricated bituminous or polyvinyl joint sealer, adapter, or reducer. "DONUTS" joining or sealing two dissimilar kinds of approved sewer pipe as used in building sewer construction outside the building, as cast iron to crock or Vitrified clay and other approved sewer materials.

Motion by Mr. Gunthrope seconded by Mr. Miles that a resolution be prepared and presented to the public service department at a joint meeting.

Motion carried.

Mr. Wyllie to make arrangement for a joint meeting with the Public Service Board.

Mr. Dell submitted to the board a Flex-ible Flashing called Saraloy 400 approved by the state.

Motion by Mr. Denfield supported by Mr. Miles that the above material be approved for shower-pan lining only.

Motion carried.

Mr. Dell stated that "A.P. Co.," Alabama Pipe company, made a neoprene gasket for cast iron soil pipe fittings, also approved by the state.

Motion by Mr. Miles seconded by Mr. Kain that the above gasket called Dual-Tite be approved to use in the City of Lansing.

Motion carried.

A letter received from the City Attorney was read regarding the number of complaints received at his office and the Public Service Department receiving complaint after complaint concerning the operations of the sewer cleaners. This matter is of some public concern and that the views of the Public Service Department, building inspectors and the Board of Plumbing examiners should be solicited.

Discussion by the Board regarding the following:

A. Amendment to section 27-59 of the code of ordinances to change or add the necessary items listed below.

B. The licensing of any person engaged in the sewer cleaning business.

C. To require adequate bond or policy of insurance to the City for section 27-59.

D. To provide the necessary examination procedures for sewer and drain layers license.

E. That the plumbing or examination board meet monthly to consider all applications for license.

Motion by Mr. Gunthrope supported by Mr. Denfield that a committee be appointed to study the items listed, make necessary changes, additions and have a report ready for the next board meeting.

Chairman, Mr. Wyllie, appointed a committee consisting of Mr. Gunthrope, Mr. Kain, Mr. Brady, Mr. Dell and Mr. Turney.

The use of service weight and extra heavy sewer pipe was discussed by the board.

Motion by Mr. Brady and seconded by Mr. Gunthrope that only extra heavy cast iron pipe be approved for the City of Lansing.

Motion carried.

The date of September 9, was set for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
GREY TURNEY,  
Secretary.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLUMBING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Special Meeting, September 2, 1964

September 2, 1964

Members present: Ralph Gunthrope, Larry Kain, John H. Brady, George H. Denfield, Grey J. Turney, Arnold Dell and Leo Fox—7.

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman, Gunthrope.

John Brady read a letter received from the State Plumbing Board Chairman, Mr. Sidney H. Holwerda that all Master Plumbers licensed in Michigan emphasize the responsibility to enforce the law as it is written as follows:

"The State Plumbing Board is placing the responsibility of all plumbing installed under Act 260, Public Acts 1933, Section 6692 compiled laws for the year 1929 as amended upon the Master Plumbers licensed in Michigan. We suggest that you read Section 10-11 and 12 of the law.

We emphasize the responsibility of Inspectors to enforce the law as it is written.

Sewer connections from a point within three to five feet outside of a building with

a service lateral extending to the main sewer constitute plumbing work under Section I and can be installed only by plumbers licensed by the State in cities over 5,000 or areas coming under the State law. A local city, or village ordinance requiring a drain layers license would be in conflict with the Statute and invalid.

Yours truly,

STATE BOARD OF PLUMBING,

SIDNEY H. HOLWERDA,  
Chairman."

The Board tabled the items A., B., C., D., and E. of the previous Board meeting until a later date, pending an outcome of the interpretation of the State Plumbing Code.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

G. J. TURNERY,  
Secretary.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLUMBING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, September 9, 1964

September 9, 1964

Members present: Ralph Gunthrope, Larry Kain, Chris Baryames, John Brady, George F. Wyllie, Wm. Miles, Arnold Dell, Leo Fox and Grey J. Turney—9.

Absent: George H. Denfield—1.

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman, George F. Wyllie. Minutes of previous meeting were read. A correction of motion made by Mr. Brady to invert the word *soil*, ERRATA. That only extra heavy castiron soil pipe be approved for the City of Lansing. Minutes were approved with correction.

Chairman, Wyllie, ask Mr. Emiel DeSander who was a guest for his comments.

Mr. DeSander's interest were regarding the letter sent out by the Plumbing Department of the notice received from the State Plumbing Board to enforce State law as written. Mr. DeSander is in the business as a drain layer and installs private septic tank systems; this ruling would, as Mr. DeSander stated, prevent him from continuing his normal operation of business. Mr. DeSander ask the Board for legal interpretation from the Attorney General of the State law.

Mr. Richard Garmyn a drain layer, also, ask the Board for a legal interpretation of the State law. Mr. Wyllie stated that a meeting with Mr. Reisig, the City attorney, would be arranged for September 10 at 11 a.m. at the Public Service Office for his interpretation of the State Plumbing law of Section 10-11-12 of Act 260 of Public Act 1933.

A letter dated August 10 from George R. Shields, Secretary-treasurer of the Lansing Association of Plumber Contractors, Inc. was presented by Ralph Gunthrope for Board consideration.

"The Lansing Association of Plumbing Contractors duly assembled April 14, 1964 passed a resolution to request that the City of Lansing Plumbing Board pursue the enforcement of Section 9, Act 266 of the State of Michigan Plumbing Code Book.

The above mentioned Section reads as follows:

Subject: Enforcement of Section 9 of Plumbing laws, Act No. 266 pp. 68 State Code Book of 1960 — in particular portion —Shall display in a conspicuous place at the entrance of his place of business sign bearing his name and the words, "licensed Master Plumber," in letters not less than three inches high. No person other than a licensed master plumber shall use or display the title "Master Plumber," or append his name to such title, or any other title or words which represents or may tend to represent him as a licensed master plumber.

Enforcement recommended by the Lansing Association of Plumbing Contractors.

Very truly yours,

LANSING ASSOCIATION OF  
PLUMBER CONTRACTORS, INC.

GEORGE R. SHIELDS,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

Motion by Ralph Gunthrope, seconded by Larry Kain that a letter be sent to all Master Plumbers notifying them of the State law as in the letter above.

A letter dated September 9, 1964 from George R. Shields, Secretary-treasurer of the Lansing Association of Plumbing Contractors, Inc. was presented to the Board by Ralph Gunthrope for the Board's consideration.

At our meeting of the Lansing Association of Plumbing Contractors on Tuesday, September 8, 1964, motion was made and accepted that we are in favor of having licensed sewer cleaners in the City of Lansing.

This is agreeable with Lansing City Attorney's request for same dated July 23, 1964.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE R. SHIELDS,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

The Board accepted the letter to be placed on file.

Respectfully submitted,

G. J. TURNEY,  
Secretary.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLUMBING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Special Meeting, September 10, 1964

September 10, 1964

Present were Chris Baryames, George F. Wyllie, Arnold Dell, Leo Fox and Grey J. Turney—5.

Donald L. Reisig, City Attorney, Emiel DeSander, Drain Layer, Mr. Wyllie explained the State law, Section 10-11-12 of Act 260, Public Acts of 1933, Section 6692.

Mr. Reisig's interpretation of the State Plumbing Code was that the Plumbing Board to continue as before. That a letter would follow with his decision.

be advised that it is my interpretation that there is no conflict between the statute and the City of Lansing Drain Lavers Licensing Ordinance (Sec. 27-59), and further no conflict between the statute or the City of Lansing's policy of permitting drain layers to construct and connect "drains or waste pipes" carrying domestic sewage from outside of the foundation walls to the sewer service lateral at the curb, as long as the licensed drain layer performs no construction or connection services within five feet from the outside of the foundation walls of any building, residence or structure. That is, a drain layer is prohibited from the construction

Plumbing Board

City of Lansing

Lansing, Michigan

Re: Interpretation of Section 1 (b) of Act

266 of the Public Acts of 1929, being  
M.S.A. Sec. 14.451 (b).

Gentlemen:

You have inquired relative to my interpretation of the above cited statute, particularly with reference to the recent directive of the State Board of Plumbing. Please

of drains or waste pipe within three to five feet from the foundation but is not prohibited from construction of drain or waste pipe more than five feet outside of the foundation walls.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. REISIG,  
City Attorney,

Respectfully submitted,

G. J. TURNEY,  
Secretary.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLUMBING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, October 22, 1964

Meeting was called to order by Chairman George Wyllie, at 7:10 p.m.

Members present: George Wyllie, Ralph Gunthorpe, George Denfield, Wm. Miles, John Brady, Larry Kain, G. J. Turney, Arnold Dell and Leo Fox.

Members absent: Chris Baryames.

Minutes of the special meeting September 2, regular monthly meeting September 9, and special meeting September 10, were approved as read.

Motion by Ralph Gunthorpe supported by John Brady that the secretary send a copy of the letter received September 14 from the City Attorney, Mr. Reisig of his interpretation of Section 1, (b) of Act 266 of Public Acts of 1929, being M.S.A. Sec. 14.451(b) to the State plumbing board.

Motion carried.

Mr. Wyllie recommended that the plumbing board meet public service board at the November 18 meeting to discuss the advantages of the permanent prefabricated bituminous or polyvinyl joint sealer, adapter, or reducer, "DONUT" joining or sealing two dissimilar kinds of approved sewer pipe as used in building sewer construction outside the building, as cast iron to crack or vitrified clay and other approved sewer materials.

Mr. Gunthorpe recommended that the committee meet November 12 at 7 o'clock to propose a resolution to be presented to the public service board on the item mentioned in the above paragraph.

Mr. Dell asked the board of examiners to prepare some questions for drain-layer examination, to be used for licensing of drain layers as required by the City Code Sec. 27-59.

Mr. Dell submitted to the board the list of fee charged by cities with population similar to Lansing, using a 10 fixture home for comparison, most all other fees mentioned were about again as much as the fees charged in Lansing.

Motion by Mr. Miles supported by Mr. Brady that the Lansing plumbing fees be increased from fifty cents a fixture to \$1 per fixture and \$1 for permit, \$1 rough inspection, \$1 for final inspection. A resolution of the increase of fees be forwarded to the Chairman of the Ordinance Committee of the City Council recommending the increase to be effective January 1, 1965.

Motion carried.

Mr. Gunthorpe asked Mr. Dell to explain the policy of the department on charging fees for installing hot water heaters, the dual fees was mentioned where heating and ventilating engineer was required. The only dual inspection was on boilers installation for heating purposes.

Mr. Kain mentioned to the board the salaries received by the two plumbing inspectors, Mr. Dell and Mr. Fox, were much below the average income of the journeymen plumbers in the Lansing area. With the high qualification of both men and the increased work load required of them this needs consideration.

Motion by Mr. Kain supported by Mr. Miles that Mr. Dell, Plumbing Inspector, and Mr. Fox classification be raised so that their salary, with City benefits, be at least near or equal to that prevalent wage rate of journeymen plumbers. That Mr. Dell's classification be changed from 6-A to 8 and Mr. Fox from 5 to 6-A.

Motion carried.

Mr. Dell was advised by the board to obtain information from other cities regarding the regulation pertaining to the use of sewer connections sealer and other approved type fittings and have a report for the special meeting November 12.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

G. J. TURNERY,  
Secretary.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLUMBING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Special Meeting, November 12, 1964

Members present: Ralph Gunthrope, John Brady G. J. Turney, Arnold Dell and Leo Fox—5.

Mr. Gunthrope was appointed chairman of the Committee. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Purpose of the Committee meeting was to draw up a resolution to amend the City Plumbing Code by adding to Section 25.

The following are the recommendations of the Committee:

Section 25-A. Vitrified or crock to iron pipe connection. Connection of vitrified or crock to iron pipe, shall be of hot poured or premolded bituminous or polyvinyl material "Ferroc Joint Sealer" or its equal.

No cement or mortar shall be used.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

G. J. TURNERY,  
Secretary.